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This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 17, 2007 regarding the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

A check in the amount of \$60.00 is attached along with a Petition for a one month extension of time.